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REMARKS

The application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated May 25, 2006. Claims 1-42 are pending, with claims 43 and 44 having previously been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. By this Amendment, claims 1-4, 17-20 and 39-42 have been amended to correct informalities therein and/or clarify the claimed invention. Accordingly, claims 1-42 are presented for reconsideration, with claims 1-4, 17-20 and 39-42 being in independent form.

Claims 17, 18 and 20 were objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(d)(1) as purportedly lacking proper antecedent basis.

By this Amendment, the claims have been amended to correct informalities therein.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the claims is requested.

Claims 1-43 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as purportedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,293,253 to Kida et al.

Applicant has carefully considered the Examiner's comments and the cited art, and respectfully submits that independent claims 1-4, 17-20 and 39-42 as amended are patentable over the cited art, for at least the following reasons.

The present application relates to techniques devised by Applicant for a communication terminal device to handle unwanted communications, while minimizing consumption of resources. For example, Applicant devised improvements to a communication terminal device with a function of rejecting receipt of messages from communication partners who are not registered in a receipt-allowed communication partner registration table. In addition to rejecting the unwanted message from the communication partner not registered in the receipt-allowed communication partner registration table, communication control information is collected and stored in connection with each rejected message. At a later time, a list can be created on the basis

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of the stored communication control information for the rejected messages, and visibly output. For a receipt-rejected communication partner, the list can show a plurality of rejected communications from the receipt-rejected communication partner including for each rejected communication from the receipt-rejected communication partner the date and time of the rejected communication. Each of independent claims 1-4, 17-20 and 39-42 addresses these features, as well as additional features.

Such features enable one to identify from the output list receipt-rejected communication partners who are persistent offenders, or possibly a receipt-rejected communication partner whose repeated efforts to communicate with the communication terminal device suggest that the communication partner should be registered in the receipt-allowed communication partner registration table.

Kida, as understood by Applicant, proposes a facsimile apparatus which can operate in a Closed User Group (CUG) mode wherein the facsimile apparatus rejects reception of facsimile transmissions from stations that are not included in the CUG. When a call is received by the facsimile apparatus, the facsimile apparatus checks calling station identification information to determine whether the calling station is registered in a RAM of the apparatus. If the calling station identification information is not registered in the RAM, the call is rejected.

Kida, column 10, lines 12-35, proposes that a report is generated for the call rejection, at the time of the call rejection, and the operator of the facsimile apparatus is informed of the rejected call and a list of stations that have been rejected.

Kida does not teach or suggest, however, that the operator is presented with information showing a plurality of rejected communications from a receipt-rejected communication partner including for each rejected communication from the receipt-rejected communication partner the

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date and time of the rejected communication.

Applicant simply does not find disclosure or suggestion in the cited art of collecting communication control information in connection with a communication relating to a message arrival, from a communication partner not registered in the receipt-allowed communication partner registration table, creating a list of image information on the basis of the communication control information, visibly outputting the created list of image information, wherein for a receipt-rejected communication partner, the list shows a plurality of rejected communications from the receipt-rejected communication partner including for each rejected communication from the receipt-rejected communication partner the date and time of the rejected communication, as provided by the subject matter of amended claim 1.

Independent claims 2-4, 17-20 and 39-42 are patentably distinct from the cited art for at least similar reasons.

Accordingly, for at least the above-stated reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1-4, 17-20 and 39-42, and the claims depending therefrom, are patentable over the cited art.

In view of the amendments to the claims and remarks hereinabove, Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant earnestly solicits the allowance of the application.

If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this response timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition. The Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required in connection with this amendment and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is

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respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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